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During the years 1945 and 1946, approximately several thousand Ukrainian Communists in Argentina and Uruguay turned over their passports to the Soviet Consulates at the behest of Soviet Consular officials, with the understanding that new Soviet passports would be given them in exchange. Nothing has been done thus far, and the Soviets advise the interested Ukrainians that a thorough investigation must be made of each person before his immigration to South America prior to issuing a new passport. Inasmuch as only about ten per cent of the Ukrainians residing in Argentina and Uruguay emigrated on Soviet Russian passports, considerable delay is anticipated in making the investigation. Of the balance of these Ukrainians, it is believed that some 60 per cent emigrated on Polish passports, 20 per cent on Rumanian passports, and 10 per cent on Czechoslovakian passports.

The Soviets are apparently motivated by the fact that most of the Ukrainians in these two countries arrived there prior to 1929, and suspicion has been fostered by their long absence from their native lands. The fact that the Ukrainians who handed in their passports are avowed Communists has had no effect on the delay, and considerable discontent is prevalent among those who lack passports or identification papers.

Several hundred Bulgarians, Croats, and Serbs, all Communists, have also turned in their passports, but it is not known whether they are being treated in like fashion.

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